

Message

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Sent: 2/5/2016 3:54:36 PM
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Subject: FW: First Mesa

Morning All,

I'd recommend steering clear of FMCV for a while and directing any of their requests for assistance through Lionel or Ivan directly until we can determine what people from the Tribe and Village we are authorized to communicate with. This is a recurring Village-Tribe dispute.

Thanks,

Jesse

From: IVAN SIDNEY [mailto:isidney@hopitelecom.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 6:24 PM
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Subject: Re: First Mesa

My first comment on this email is that Mr. DeCoteau had no permission from First Mesa to disclose any information on our water system without our authority. Second, as a tribal program, Mr. Gashwazra have the foremost responsibility to request information directly to our village. It has been our standard practice to request technical assistance from the Indian Health Service and they have been very cooperative. Therefore, this may now have an impact on our future relations. I will expect Indian Health Service to respond to me in writing to support my report to our Religious Leaders. Such information in the future must be directed at our village and must also be in writing. According to email from Mr. Gashwazra, his unprofessional request was based on "hear say" and this I consider to be a witch hunt. We have been waiting on the Hopi Tribe all these years for the completion of the HAMP Project. Of most concern is the expiration of the EPA waiver on January 2015 that allowed our continued use of water with high levels of arsenic. It is my understanding that the HAMP was to have been completed by January 2015. The holdup have been at the Hopi Tribe. Our village is now meeting with NUTA Officials to construct the water line from the wells to First Mesa. They have agreed to seek federal rural grant for the water line but concerned that the Hopi Tribal Council may not approve the construction. The office of Mr. Gashwazra should be involved with infrastructures on all villages due to our continuing growth and the need for services. We must all know our tribe is growing and families are in dire need of homes. We were recently were informed that APS is also reaching its maximum of power coming from its Cholla Plant and NTUA has interest to buy out APS. APS have no intentions on spending more money on its existing facilities. It is a know fact that the every day fluctuating power has a serious impact on failures of our water pumps. What I'm saying is that these issues are what Office of Community Development should be working on for our villages. I really think its again the TawaOvi Community "dream" that is driving these challenges to our current Land Development Master Plan. I have asked Mr. Taylor to meet with our leaders on numerous occasions all to no avail. I just saw in the Hopi Tribal Council Chambers this afternoon the schedule of another TawaOvi meeting. Today, I communicated with Shipaulavi and Kykotsmovi Villages on a joint meeting to discuss our community and business development. Will they also be questioned?

Mr. DeCoteau brought up the non-communications with HUD. We have no problems here with the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority and appreciate their willingness to work with us in partnership and especially to obligate all the years of unspent federally appropriated funds. I will bring issues brought out with regards to HUD to the attention of Hopi Tribal Housing Board of Commissioners. This email from Mr. Gashwazra requesting information on our water system without our knowledge is wrong and I will expect our tribal officials to take appropriate action to not have this happen again. We will also expect the same from the Indian Health Service. I will demand all responses in writing. Our priority to provide services and projects for our people is most important. This will be communicated to our First Mesa Tribal Council Representatives. Any part of this email that needs clarification. you all know how to reach me.

Ivan

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Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 12:34:32 PM
Subject: RE: First Mesa

Morning Andrew,

Sorry for taking a week to respond but I got slammed with work this week and last week. The HAMP PER is probably your best bet for existing facilities and the facilities required to provide for growth. As far as how much additional water production and storage is required goes there isn't a yes or no answer as that would depend on what you're trying to add to it. If it's one house it shouldn't have a significant impact on total FMCV water usage. If it's 20 I'd be a bit worried and I would recommend a pro rata contribution towards additional water infrastructure if it were a proposed HUD project. We (IHS) always design systems for 20 to 30 year growth and then HUD shows up the day after the project is built and takes up all of that growth capacity. That HUD-IHS relationship is a recurring theme across the country and we're getting a lot of fire from IHS HQ to start going after HUD money whenever they try to add subdivisions and such. It has actually come to a point where IHS projects will not be funded in the future if the deficiency is a result of HUD doing things like that unless HUD bucks up a pro rata share. So just an FYI for you moving forward.

The biggest threat to the FMCV system is probably well production, but the existing storage in the system could be considered to be insufficient at this time (definitely cannot provide fire flows) as well. I think Well #8 was running 24 hours a day for several months about a year ago as Well #5 and Well #6 were down. I think they're up and running again, but wells 5 and 6 are about 35 years old and can't really be expected to keep producing forever. The goal of the HAMP is not only water quality (i.e. arsenic) but replacing the wells that are approaching their design life across the board (all of the Second Mesa wells that are on Public Water Systems are about 40 years old).

We used the Navajo IHS design criteria for sizing in the HAMP. Please find the attached Navajo IHS Design Criteria dated 12/19/2014. I think what you may be looking for is on pages 3-4.

Thanks,

Jesse

From: Andrew Gashwazra [<mailto:AGashwazra@hopi.nsn.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 12:04 PM

To: DeCoteau, Jesse (IHS/PHX) <Jesse.Decoteau@ihs.gov>

Subject: First Mesa

Hi Jesse,

Do you have an idea on the water scenario at First Mesa. Those I have heard from say the system will not handle too much additional load and wanted to get a clear picture of the facts.

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